

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION IX** 75 Hawthorne Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Chuck Dowd President Standard Brands Paint Company, Inc. 21001 Van Boren Road Taylor, MI 48180

Request For Information - Tucson International Airport Area Superfund

Site, Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Dowd:

This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents relating to the contamination of soils and groundwater in Tucson, Arizona, associated with the Tucson International Airport Area Superfund Site ("Site"). The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") and the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") are spending public funds to investigate actual and threatened releases of hazardous substances at the Site. ADEQ and EPA are conducting this investigation to determine the nature and extent of contamination in the area, to assess the effects of contamination on the environment and human health, and to identify activities and parties that contributed to the contamination. This request is for information that Standard Brands Paint Company, Inc. may have pertaining to this investigation, specifically related to one portion of the Site: West Plume B.

In the process of EPA's investigation of potential responsible parties, EPA has learned Standard Brands Paint Company, Inc. sold various types of cleaning solvents and other products to General Electric, Tucson Shop located at 1401 East Valencia, Tucson, AZ. Please provide the following information:

- State the full name, address, and telephone number, position or positions held by and tenure of the individual(s) answering any of these questions on behalf of Standard Brands Paint Company, Inc.
- Please identify sales of any solvents or other products containing trichloroethylene (TCE), dichloroethylene (DCE) perchloroethylene (PCE) (also known as tetrachloroethylene) to General Electric Company, Tucson Shop during the period of time beginning January 1, 1975 through January 1, 1990. Please identify the amounts of TCE, DCE or PCE in the formulation of these products during this time period. You may furnish computer printouts or summaries of this information rather than copies of each and every sales invoice, as long as dates of sales, quantities and specific chemical composition of chemicals sold are included.

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We encourage you to give this matter your immediate attention and request that you provide a complete and truthful response to this Information Request within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter. Your response to this letter should be made in writing, signed by you or a duly authorized representative of Standard Brands Paint Company, Inc.

Please note that your compliance with this Information Request is mandatory. Failure to respond fully and truthfully could result in enforcement action by EPA pursuant to section 104(e)(5) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. section 9604(e)(5). This statutory provision, as amended, authorizes EPA to seek the imposition of penalties up to \$27,500 per day of noncompliance. Please be further advised that provision of false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. section 1001. The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil or criminal proceedings.

You may consider some of the information EPA is requesting to be confidential. Please be aware that you may not withhold the information on that basis. If you wish EPA to treat the information confidentially, you must advise EPA of that fact. Please provide support for your claim of confidentiality with your submittal to this Information Request.

Your response should be directed to Steven Arbaugh at the following address:

Steven Arbaugh Civil Investigator, SFD-7-B U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

We appreciate and look forward to your response to this Information Request. If you have any questions please contact Steven Arbaugh at (415) 972-3113. Please direct any legal questions to Bethany Dreyfus at (415) 972-3886.

Sincerely

Sean Hogan, Chief

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